RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The matter is being enquired into. The scheme will be ready next month.

Budget for new works in the Public Works Department.

282. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of money provided in the current year's budget for "New Works" in the Public Works Department; and

(*b*) the total amount spent during the current year on such "New works" up to the end of Edavom 1117?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Rs. 5,84,470.

(*b*) Rs. 2,12,494.

Bridge on the Perrissery-Ala road.

283. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was any wooden bridge on the Perrissery-Ala road at a place near Kottarathil House in Puliyoor pakuthi, Tiruvalla taluk;

(*b*) the present condition of the above bridge; and

(*c*) how long this part of the road has been under Government maintenance?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is in a damaged condition.

(*c*) About 40 years.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know how long this bridge has been in a damaged condition?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: For about three or four years.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why no steps have been taken yet for repairing the damages?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: That road itself is only a village road with a maintenance grant of Rs. 30 per mile and the bridge is fit for pedestrians. We have made an estimate for the bridge.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any provision is included in the next year's budget for the purpose of improving this road and also for the construction of this bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the reason why?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The Advisory Board did not include that work.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable the Chief Engineer whether the Advisory Board has not recommended the inclusion of such a provision last year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: They did not recommend last year.

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